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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	Group Art Unit:
Dearnaley et al	§	
Serial No.: 09/901,364	§	
Filed: July 9, 2001	§	Examiner:
For: Life Extension of Chromium	§	
Coatings and Chromium Alloys	§	Atty. Docket: SwRI-2834

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Box Response

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) In a Nonprovisional Application dated February 26, 2002.

In The Claims:

~~Cancel claims 175 to 206 and add the following claims:~~

207. (New) A chromium coating comprising a gradient from inside to an outside surface consisting essentially of:

primarily chromium molecules/a mixture consisting essentially of chromium oxide molecules and chromium molecules/a surface comprising a sufficient quantity of said chromium-oxide molecules to produce a final coefficient of friction in an